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SUBJECT: MBFR: MISSION THOUGHTS ON RESOLVING OUTSTANDING DATA  
ISSUES

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

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1. MISSION GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION CONTAINED REF A  
WHICH (AS NOTED USNATO 2465) WE PASSED INFORMALLY TO NATO DATA  
EXPERTS. WE ALSO NOTE, PER REF B, THAT DIA TRANSMITTING  
DATA SEPARATELY TO USDELMC, WHICH THEY WILL THEN INTRODUCE  
INTO MILITARY CHANNELS AS A US CONTRIBUTION FOR SUBSEQUENT  
REVIEW AND COMMENT BY NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITIES.

2. WE ARE ADVISED BY NATO DATA EXPERTS THAT FRG AND UK  
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HAVE ALSO SUBMITTED DATA ON WP AIR FORCE PERSONNEL  
WHICH REPORTEDLY VERY SUBSTANTIALLY FROM US ESTIMATES.

3. GIVEN THIS SITUATION, WE SEE TWO POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES

FOR MOVING FORWARD ON NON-AGREED DATA ELEMENTS REQUESTED BY AHG. ONE WOULD BE FOR US TO PUT FORWARD REF A DATA AT NEXT MBFR WG MEETING (MAY 15) AS A US PROPOSAL FOR FILLING IN EXISTING GAPS IN NATO DATA FOR AHG, WITH FURTHER REQUEST THAT ALLIES AGREE TO THEM FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE OF MEETING AHG REQUIREMENTS. STAFF GROUP WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY RESPOND THAT FRG AND UK HAVE ALSO SUBMITTED DATA, BUT THAT NONE OF THE SUBMISSIONS CAN APPARENTLY BE RECONCILED. US REP COULD THEN PRESS ALLIES TO AGREE TO US FIGURES FOR MBFR PURPOSES ONLY. FAILING THEIR AGREEMENT (WHICH WE THINK IMPROBABLE), US REP COULD THEN ASK WHETHER ALLIES WOULD BE PREPARED TO ENDORSE ANY FIGURES WHICH US, UK AND FRG COULD AGREE TO TRILATERALLY. IF OTHER ALLIES ENDORSED THIS APPROACH, WASHINGTON WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO WORK OUT AGREED FIGURES WITH THE FRG AND UK OUTSIDE OF NATO FRAMEWORK. ANY FIGURES SO AGREED WOULD THEN BE PUT TO WG AS JOINT PROPOSAL FOR MEETING AHG REQUIREMENTS.

4. SECOND ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE FOR DIA TO ASK THAT USDELMEC (IN ADDITION TO CIRCULATING FIGURES AS NOTED IN PARA 1 ABOVE) REQUEST IMS TO INVITE NATIONS TO ATTEND AN OPEN-ENDED CONFERENCE OF EXPERTS IN WHICH ALLIES WOULD ATTEMPT TO REACH AGREEMENT USING US FIGURES AS THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. THIS APPROACH WOULD CLEARLY TAKE LONGER, MAY IN ANY CASE BE UNAVOIDABLE, BUT WOULD GET ALLIES TO FOCUS ON PROBLEM AT AN EARLY DATE.

5. APPRECIATE WASHINGTON REACTIONS IN TIME FOR MAY 15 WG MEETING.  
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